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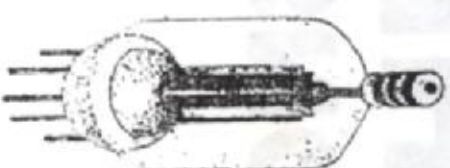
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The Radio Association of Erie is a non-profit club serving the tri-state area by providing emergency communication during a civil disaster, as well as providing communication support for public service events. The club meets 7:00 PM on the first Thursday of each month at the Red Cross Chapter House, 4961 Pittsburgh Avenue, Erie, PA. Membership is open to any person interested in amateur radio. For membership information, contact Bob Schwimmer, N3FAW at 866-3027. Area nets: Tri-State RACES Emergency Net is conducted weekly on 146.61 MHz Sundays at 6:30 PM; ARCS/SKYWARN Net on 146.61 MHz Sundays at 9:30 PM; RAE Novice/Technician Net on 28.340 MHz Wednesday at 8:30 PM; 6 Meter AM Net Wednesday at 9:00 PM on 50.52 MHz; 10 Meter RTTY Net on Friday at 8:30 PM on 28.280 MHz.

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING OF R.A.E.
7:30 PM on May 5, 1994
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**Guest Speaker: Lou Hahn, Alert
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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Another busy month comes to an end ... and hopefully, with it goes the last snowfall before summer ... thank God!

Our thanks to Bernie Fuller N3EFN for the great visit and for bringing us up to date on the current ARRL doings. Sounds like we have much to look forward to.

Congratulations to Sue Seyboldt N3LPO for a fantastic job with her first public service event. It went very well and there were lots of happy people -- both the walkers, and the committee people -- thanks to the efforts of the radio personnel. The participating radio operators were: Jerry Strohmeier KE3DB as NCS; Dick Blasco KY3D; Tom Strike KB3APU; Jeremy Lobaugh KB3BAM; Eric Zierenberg N3HUM; Joe Lis N3MLX; Kevin Lis N3NLO; Jim Salter WR4W; Liz Salter KB3AKR; Jack Haven N3RKO; Bob Sherwin KB3ALY; Dan Miller K3UFG; Tom Wagner KB20UA; Greg Fisher N3MHO; Clarence Moser W3RLJ; Norm Tousey WB3EZY; Eric Petroff KA3WUN; Ron Prindle N3BXL; and Kathy Prindle N3MHQ. We can only hope that things go as well for the rest of the season, since it will be quite busy with many public service events.

As we go to press, Dayton Hamvention is still ahead of us ... hope to see lots of you there ... have fun, take lot of notes so you can inform the rest of the membership what they missed. Many new and innovative ideas are scheduled for unveiling at Dayton this year so stay tuned.

The SKYWARN training went superbly. The facility was the best we have ever utilized and lent itself perfectly to our purpose. Nick Miller, Terry Parrish and Tom Paone from the

Nat'l Weather Service in Erie put on a very informative training program including disseminating brochures and reading material in addition to the film and slide presentation. Our thanks to them and to the Erie County SKYWARN team who put the entire training program together. Dave Henderson N3EOY -- Emergency Coordinator for Erie County SKYWARN -- and his assistants: Tom McClain N3HPR, Jim Salter WR4W, Tony Zona WB3KGT and myself, put many hours into this training program. It is this type of team effort that has put Erie County on the map as an emergency communication organization which excels in all aspects of training, preparation and operation. Keep up the good work!

The next general membership meeting for the Radio Association of Erie will be May 5. A short presentation regarding the U.S. Coast Guard need for communicators will follow the general business meeting. Our main speaker will be Lou Hahn, owner of Alert Communications. He will explain about cellular communicating and a variety of interesting ideas he has. As usual, coffee and cookies will be served at 7 PM, followed by the general meeting at 7:30.

Hamfest '94 is going well. For all the committee members, the usual monthly meeting will be held at 6 PM preceding the general meeting.

Best 73, God bless and I look forward to seeing everyone at the May meeting.

Dan Miller
K3UFG

The following is a list of the FCC's most recently issued call signs.

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from the original CSCE was
recorded on the 610 form by the
VE Team. The new 610 forms no
longer carry provisions for
this information, so a copy of
the CSCE must also be furnished
to accompany the 610 form.

Of the fourteen who tested in
April, along with partial
upgrades, seven achieved a
complete upgrade, while one
gained his Novice ticket.

The upgrades were Larry Mondack
N3BWP of Meadville, who went
from Technician w/HF to
Advanced, David Ross N3PYH of
Erie to Technician w/HF,
Douglas Smith N3BDJ of Seneca
to Advanced, Tommy Strike
KB3APU of Erie to Advanced,
Paul Vamos KA3DNP of Cambridge
Springs to Technician w/HF,
Robert Devilling of Ridgway to
Technician, and Jacqueline
Wheeler of Wickliffe, Ohio to
Technician.

The new Novice is Kevin Vamos
of Cambridge Springs, who also
passed 20 wpm code. If you
suspect he may be a radio
operator in the service of
Uncle Sam, you are correct.

The Next exams will be held on
Saturday, May 7th.

Norma Vanderhoff, W3CG
ARRL VE Liaison

The Skywarn training program held on April 9, 1994 at the St. Vincent's School of Nursing was well attended and an excellent program was provided. Twenty seven of the 56 participants were given certified spotter certificates. Once again I would like to publicly thank the personnel at the National Weather Service, the St. Vincent School of Nursing for the use of their fine facility and the many hours of work that went into this program by the Skywarn E.C. and the Assistance E.C.'s. I think we can be proud of our Skywarn group in Erie County and certainly our planning and training of our Skywarn operation will do nothing but benefit and support the National Weather Service and certainly the people of Erie County.

On April 16, 1994 Lee Robinson WA3HJC District Emergency Coordinator for ARES North Zone 1 and myself representing Erie County attended the Western Pa. Section Emergency Coordinator Conference. This seminar was put on and prepared by Bernie Fuller N3EFN Western Pa. Section Manager and Pat O'Malley N3FQQ Western Pa. Section Emergency Coordinator. The day long program was filled with interesting topics and speakers as well as some changes in the Western Pa. Section Emergency Coordinators structure. Bernie N3EFN announced Pat O'Malley N3FQQ was promoted to Assistant Section Manager for ARES and filling Pat's position as Section Emergency Coordinator was Randy Krofick AA3CI from West Moreland County. During the program Bernie N3EFN presented a special award to Pat N3FQQ for his many hours of time and hard work in working with the 33 Emergency Coordinators in the Section.

Some of the topics that were discussed during the day long seminar are as follows; "they and you syndrome" by Pat N3FQQ, Jim Weyman from the National Weather Service office in Pittsburgh talked about restricting of Western Pa., Ted Vasilow WN3F talked on the National Traffic system and how it relates to ARES, Randy AA3CI on overcoming the clubs, Chuck Gessner KC3ET Assistant Section Manager for packet radio and emergency communications, Bill Edgar N3LLR D.E.C. for North Zone 2 in Western Pa. talked on emergency portable communications and Bernie N3EFN talked on a variety of subjects including the development of the rapid response team that's in the planning within the section. There were 22 participants in this conference with many new ideas and some stimulating thoughts generated during the breaks and over lunch as well.

Now that we are into the time of year that are radio skills as amateurs radio operators might be needed, I would ask you as ARES members to check out your emergency equipment and be prepared to move on a moments notice. The Sunday night 9:30 p.m. ARES Skywarn Information and Training Net is the net where we pass a lot of information from week to week, if at all possible please try to check in to this net to receive further updates on ARES activities and for ARES training as well.

73

Tom McClain N3HPR
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General Meeting of the RAE April 7, 1994

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM. The secretary was instructed to take role of the officers and Board members present: K3JFG, W3GZO, N3MRB, N3HPR, W33QOM, KA3QOM, & KA3WYO.

Visitors - Special welcome to Bernie Fuller, N3EFN; also welcome to George Younklin and Jeff Loubgh.

Upgrades - W33EZY, "Red"; W33EMI, Mike; KD3RR, Rich; KB3APU, Tom; KA3FZO, Gary; N3PYH, Dave; KD4ILV, Darlene.

K3JFG asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting as printed in the QUA RAE. W34W made the motion to accept the minutes, seconded by KB3EZY.

Reports:

Treasury - N3MRB gave the treasurer's report. A motion to accept was made by KB3AAW and seconded by N3LBI.

Board of Directors - KA3WYO gave the Board of Directors' report. A round of applause was given for N3FAW, BOB for the fine job on the directory.

Membership - N3FAW was not present, membership remains the same as last month. 162 full members. 22 life members. 42 associate members. Total: 226 members.

Hamfest - N3HPR reports that plans for the R A E Hamfest have gone well. The tickets should be printed this week.

Public Relations - Annual Field Day Event will be June 25, 26 this year.

Skywarn - Training sessions will be Saturday, April 9th at Saint Vincent Nurses' Training Center on West 21st Street at 8:00 AM. Certificates of Completion will be issued to all who attend.

Public Service - A list of public service events for the year was read for the purpose of voting by the membership. KA3FZO made a motion to accept the events N3MHO second the motion. A vote was taken, motion carried.

N3LPO. Sue said there was a need for volunteers for the up coming M. S. Walk.

Property & Supplies - KA3MIN Eric reports that the H F rig is out on loan and the packet unit is ready for loan.

Contest - W33QOM gave the results of the PA QSO Party.

Special Event - W34W announced that the special event station on the Brig Niagara will be on May 21st, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM. Jim read off a list of operator that were choose by lottery drawing.

ARES - N3HPR reports 80 members to date. A phone tree has been developed and will be passed out at April 9th training session.

News Letter - The QUA-RAE has a new editor N3RKN, Gene Robertson please pass all articles for publication on to him.

V. E. Team - K33D Dick will be taking over the V. E. Team while Norma is ill.

Field Day - Field Day is still in need of a chairman and committee people.

New Business - A program is be put together for the promotion of Ham Radio to be presented to the area schools.

Coming Events - Dayton Hamfest. Plan to Attend the R A E Club Field Day.

Announcements - The Club received a plaque of appreciation for our participation in the Crop Walk.

50-50 Drawing - The money was won by Bernie N3MRB. The license plate went to Dick N33Q. The book and code disk went to W33U Hank.

A motion to adjourn was made by N3LPO and seconded by N3HPR.

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis H. Sharer, Secretary

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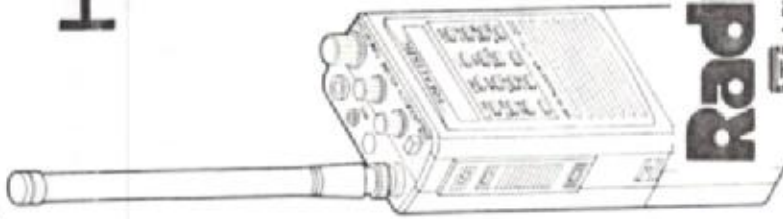
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New Club Newsletter Editor Found!

Yes, RAE Members, you now have a new newsletter editor. Yours truly, Gene Robertson, aka N3RKN, will now be putting together the QUA RAE. I have been a Ham for only about 7 months, but I have put together several newsletters for various R/C airplane clubs over the years.

Since my amateur radio experience is limited, I hope to call on the many and varied talents within the club to help me with material. If you have any ideas for articles or columns, please let me know.

Hopefully even some technically oriented articles are on the horizon over the next few months. If you know of an interesting topic, and have a resident expert in mind to pen the information, give me a call and I'll try to get the ball rolling. If you are the resident expert, all the better. Don't be shy.

I will also try to occasionally attend some of the "special" meetings and give everyone some

additional insight on what new and different things are going on "behind the scenes" at the RAE.

In addition, I will try to include pictures in most issues. One of my interests is in photography, so I always like to make things visual whenever possible. If I try to take your picture, and you are one of those rare individuals who doesn't like to be photographed (double agent for the CIA, or just happen to be at a club meeting with someone of whom your wife/husband would not approve), just let me know and I'll happily move on. Who knows, for a small fee I'll probably even destroy the negative * Hi Hi *.

Lastly, please remember to send me a list of any items which you would like to buy, swap, or sell for our classified section.

73

Gene Robertson, N3RKN
Editor

